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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard GUMPOLTSBERGER
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For : MULTI-STEP TRANSMISSION
Docket : ZAHFRI P712US

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 002-005, 013, 014, 024, 025, 029 and 038 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 23-44 as follows.